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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination of the above-referenced patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

**In the Specification:**

Please replace lines 20-23 with the following rewritten lines:

A' ~elements arranged on a substrate, and a main current electrode which is arranged near said plurality of semiconductor elements and vertically apart from the surface of the substrate, wherein each of the~